

Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge: Where Edges Meet

Approximately 230,000 acres in size, the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge is a vast landscape in the heart of New Mexico. It supports four major ecosystems, touches two mountain ranges and embraces the largest river in the State. Its magnitude and austere beauty make the Refuge unforgettable, but its true significance lies in its function. The Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge is managed not for selected species of wildlife, but for the natural processes of flood, fire, and succession that sustain this huge landscape's functioning ecosystems. Coming together within the Refuge boundaries are the Chihuahuan Desert, shortgrass prairie, pinon juniper woodlands, Colorado Plateau shrub steppe and Rio Grande riparian woodlands. These varied habitats provide homes to a diversity of wildlife and plants, many existing at the edge of their capabilities.



Photo: R. Brown

View from the Los Pinos Mountains

The majority of the land that makes up the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge is closed to public access, allowing for wildlife management, habitat restoration and research. Visitors are allowed access by permit only, or during guided field trips such as those offered during the annual Open House. The Open House provides a rare opportunity for nature lovers to experience areas of the Refuge which are not accessible at other times of the year. Many interesting field trips, speakers and exhibits will be available.



Directions:

To Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center:

The Refuge is located approximately 50 miles south of Albuquerque or 140 miles north of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Take Interstate 25 to Exit 169. Go west 3/4 of a mile to the Refuge Visitor Center.

Food & Registration:

Registrations must be recieved by October 7th, 2006. Cancellations must be made by October 9th for refunds.

Registration packets can be picked up at the Refuge Visitor Center on October 14th. Packets will include name tags, trip itineraries and meal tickets. Present your tickets to receive meals that are included with field trips.

A hot breakfast, including breakfast burrito, coffee and juice, will be served from 7:00 AM until 8:30 AM. A hot lunch of traditional New Mexican fare, including dessert, will be served from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

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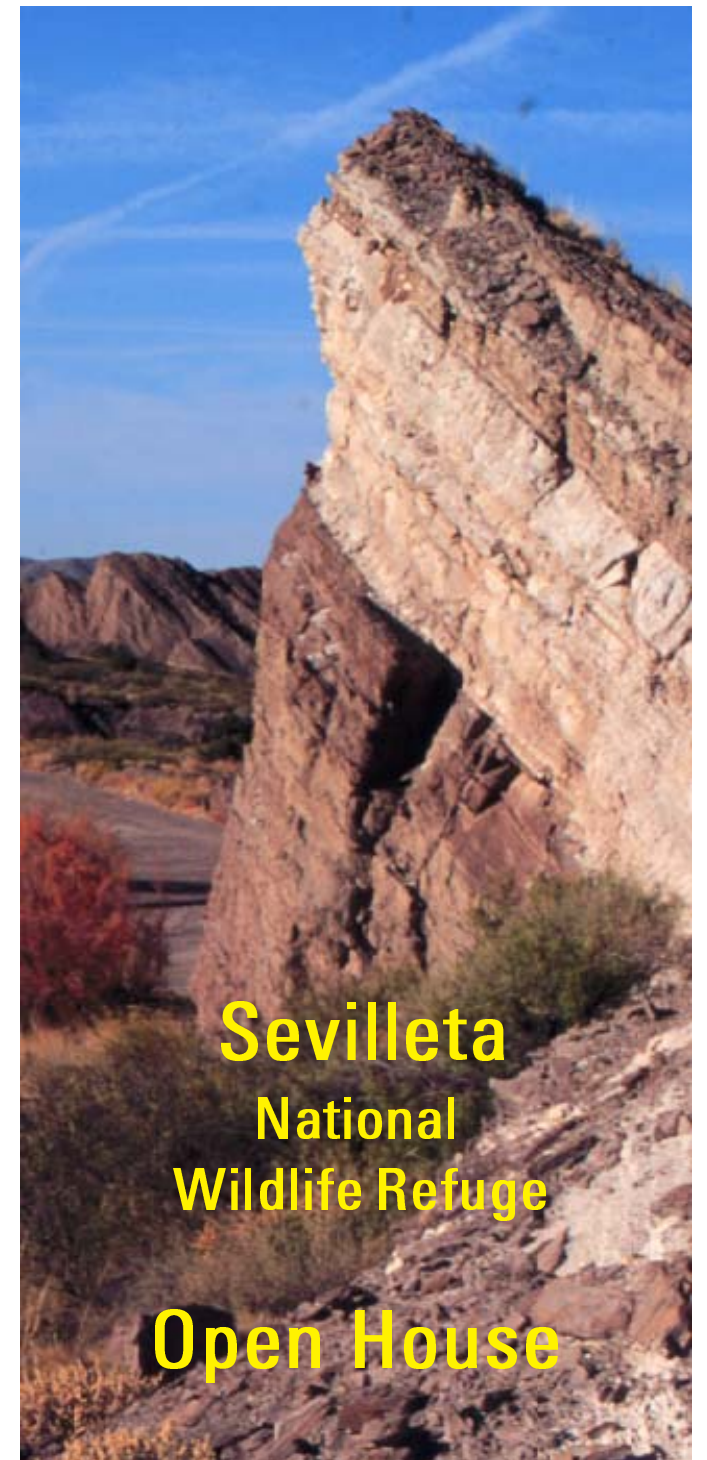
Proceeds from the Open House go to benefit the La Joya Community Development Association.

Find out how you can enjoy other area attractions before and after the Open House by contacting the Socorro Chamber of Commerce at: (505)835-0424

special thanks:

The Open House Committee thanks all the volunteers and staff who worked to make this event a success.

La Joya Community Development Association
Post Office Box 46
La Joya, New Mexico
87028



**Saturday
October 14th,
2006**

**Field Trips 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Exhibits 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Speakers 10:00 AM
Art Contest Awards 1:30 PM**

Field Trip registration:
Registration required.
Trips limited to 24 participants.
Cost \$7.00 per person, per tour
Tours will depart from the Refuge Visitor Center.
Please arrive an 1/2 hour early to be served break-
fast or lunch. Expect some moderate hiking on most
tours unless otherwise indicated. Please dress for the
weather. Layered clothing, hiking boots, hats, sun-
screen, sun glasses and cameras are recommended.
Bring Water!!!!

Registration Form

- ☐ Chihuahuan Desert Native Plant Walk:
7:30 - 11:45 AM (breakfast)
in party: _____x \$7.00=_____
- ☐ San Lorenzo Canyon Hike
7:45 AM - 12:00 PM (breakfast)
in party: _____x \$7.00=_____
- ☐ Secrets of the Sevilleta Field Trip:
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (breakfast)
in party: _____x \$7.00=_____
- ☐ Ladd S. Gordon Waterfowl Refuge:
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM (breakfast)
in party: _____ x \$7.00 _____
- ☐ Geology West Field Trip:
12:15 - 5:00 PM (lunch)
in party: _____ x \$7.00 _____
- ☐ Geology East Field Trip:
12:30 - 4:30 PM (lunch)
in party:_____ x \$7.00 _____
- ☐ Sevilleta History Field Trip:
12:45 - 4:45 PM (lunch)
in party:_____ x \$7.00 _____
- ☐ Family Bosque Field Trip:
2:30 - 4:00 PM (snack & drink)
in party:_____ x \$2.00 _____
- ☐ Piñon Canyon Birding Tour:
Sunday 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM (bag lunch)
in party: _____ x \$7.00= _____
- ☐ Los Pinos Mountains Hike:
Sunday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM (bag lunch)
in party: _____ x \$7.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

A **confirmation** will be sent to you via email or USPS. In the event the tour you selected is full, we will contact you to make arrangements for another tour or to issue a refund.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
Name:_____
Address:_____

Phone:(____)_____
Email address:_____

Tour Release
This release must be read and signed by all tour participants and returned with registration form.
Be sure all members of your party who are registering for tours sign this release. Detach this panel and mail.

By consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I do hereby, for my heirs, executors and administrators, waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for damages which I may have or which hereafter accrue to me against the Chamber of Commerce and/or Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge for any and all damages which may be sustained and suffered by me in connection with my said association with or entry in and or arising out of my traveling to, participating in and returning from said event. I have read the above statement. I understand it, and my signature confirms its full acceptance. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event and I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

1. Signature:_____

Print name:_____

2. Signature:_____

Print name:_____

3. Signature:_____

Print name:_____

4. Signature:_____

Print name:_____

If under 18 years of age, parent or guardian signature:

1. Signature of parent:_____

Print name of child:_____

2. Signature of parent:_____

Print name of child:_____

MAIL by OCTOBER 6th, 2006 TO:
La Joya Community
Development Assoc.
P.O. Box 46
La Joya, NM 87028



Star Party



Friday night 8:00 - 10:00 PM
Presented by the New Mexico Tech. Astronomy Club
Bring your own telescope or use one of ours

Field Trip Descriptions:
Chihuahuan Desert Native Plant Walk: 7:30–11:45 AM (includes hot breakfast) (transportation provided)
Join Judith Phillips, author of the best selling “New Mexico Gardener’s Guide” on a visit to the east side of the Refuge to discover the plants that make their homes in this ecosystem.
San Lorenzo Canyon Hike: 7:45 AM–12:00 PM (includes hot breakfast) (transportation provided)
San Lorenzo Canyon is a place of unique scenic beauty. Join Carlos Madrill, BLM wildlife biologist, Nancy Daniel, interpretive naturalist, and Richard Chamberlin, senior field geologist from the NM Bureau of Geology to explore geologic anomalies, search for wildlife and enjoy the native plants of the San Lorenzo Canyon. Moderately strenuous - soft sand, limited steep climbing. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and your camera!
Secrets of the Sevilleta: 8:00 AM–12:00 PM (includes hot lunch) (transportation provided)
What goes on behind the Refuge’s gates? Join Renee Robichuad, assistant Refuge manager and Mike Friggens, principle investigator from UNM’s Sevilleta Research Station to discover how the Refuge is managed for wildlife & scientific research.
Ladd S. Gordon Waterfowl Refuge: 8:30–11:30 AM (includes hot breakfast) (transportation provided)
Join Assistant Manager, Butch Priest, to tour this little known water fowl haven. Enjoy the birds and other wildlife while you learn about how the Refuge is managed to provide excellent winter habitat for migrating waterfowl.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 AM–1:00 PM
Lunch is included with afternoon field trips or may be purchased separately.

Geology West Field Trip: 12:15 PM–5:00 PM (includes hot lunch) (personal 4x4 & carpooling)
Enjoy a tour of Sevilleta’s rugged west side with Dr. Dave Johnson from the NM School of Mines. Learn how geological formations that occurred long ago created the Rio Grande Valley. Be sure to take along a camera for spectacular views!
Geology East Field Trip: 12:30 PM–4:30PM (includes hot lunch) (transportation provided)
Join geologist David Love from the NM Bureau of Geology on a tour of the Refuge’s diverse east side. Search for fossils and learn how volcanic activity, erosion and other geologic processes have shaped the Sevilleta.
Sevilleta History Field Trip 12:45 PM–4:45 PM (includes hot lunch) (transportation provided)
Take a trip back in time with local historian Gil Apps, and discover the human history of the land that is now the Sevilleta NWR.

Family Bosque Trip: 2:30 PM–4:00 PM (open to children age 12 and younger & their parents)(includes a drink & snack)
Lead by educators from UNM’s Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program. Participants on this trip will explore the Rio Grande bosque using a variety of hands-on activities.

SUNDAY ONLY
Piñon Canyon Birding Field Trip: 7:30 AM–2:30 PM (includes a bag lunch) (transportation: provided)
An excellent guided field trip for the avid birder. Travel through grasslands and hike up arroyos into the heart of the Los Pinos Mountains with US Forest Service ornithologist Hart Schwarz. This little canyon has a permanent water source and is a popular stop with a variety of fall migrants. Bring binoculars, dress in layers and be prepared for a full day of birding in the field. Moderate hike of 2-3 miles.
Los Pinos Mountains Hike: 8:00 AM–2:30 PM (includes bag lunch) (transportation: car pool and shuttle)
An all day trip for the avid hiker. Lead by prescribed fire specialist and back country enthusiast, Don Kearney, hikers will explore off trail, discovering routes to the canyons, ridges and peaks of the Los Pinos Mountains. This is a rugged hike. The climb down from the 7530 Whiteface Peak is steep and rocky. **Sturdy** hiking boots, **water** and a sack lunch required.

Awards Ceremony: 1:30 PM–2:15 PM
Winners of the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge endangered species poster contest will be recognized and prizes will be awarded. Come help us honor these young artists.
Speakers:
Presented in the Visitor Center Conference Room. No charge. Registration is not required.
Mexican Gray Wolf 10:00 AM–10:45 AM
The Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge is host to one of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s captive wolf facilities. Join biologist, Maggie Dwire, to learn more about these amazing animals.
Exhibits: 10:00 AM–3:00 PM
Staff from conservation organizations will be on hand to answer your questions about their work on behalf of wildlife. Many will include live animals, nature crafts and activities.
Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge
Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge
Defenders of Wildlife
Hawk Watch International
Hawks Aloft
New Mexico Audubon Society
New Mexico Bureau of Geology
New Mexico Native Plant Society
New Mexico State Forestry
New Mexico Wilderness Alliance
Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument
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